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German Patent No. 33 16 546 and U.S. Patent No. 4,049,384 were cited in an Office Action in German Application No. 199 39 780.5.

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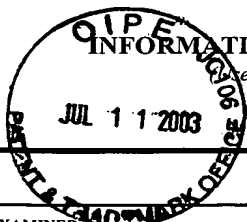
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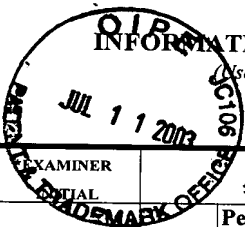
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